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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE: APPLICATION OF)

R. DAVID LEWIS ET AL.) IMPROVED FACE MASK FOR SELF

SERIAL NO. 08/911,341) CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

FILING DATE: AUGUST 14, 1997)

EXAMINER: LEWIS)

ART UNIT: 3761)

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S I R:

In response to the office action mailed July 20, 1999,
please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claim 22.

Amend the claims as follows:

1 (Twice Amended). In the face mask for use with a self contained breathing apparatus, said face mask comprising a frame having a top and a bottom, a transparent face plate within said frame, a face seal fixed to said frame and surrounding said face plate, a nose cup within said face seal and towards said bottom of said frame, and strap means for holding said face mask to [the face of a user] a user's face, the improvement wherein said strap means comprises a head piece having a top end portion adjacent to said top end of said frame and a bottom end portion adjacent to said